

on account of the bad condition of the road; if so, what is the justification of Government's collecting toll from a road which is unfit for cart traffic?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—The road from Amballur to Kallur is, in certain places, in a state of disrepair. The Diwan Peishkar has travelled along the road several times this year. The condition of the road was worse before and at that time he found it difficult to take his car through the road. There is heavy traffic along the road and that is the main justification for the imposition of tolls.

Bridge connecting Edacochi and Aroor—construction of.

117. Mr. Popalal Goverdhan Lalan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) in view of the improvements of the Cochin Harbour day by day, are not the Government aware of the urgent necessity for having a bridge connecting Edacochi and Aroor to have easy communication between Mattancheri and the Southern Ports of Travancore;

(b) whether they have made any correspondence with the Travancore Government regarding the working up of the above scheme in the near future; and if so, what are the suggestions of the Government in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—(a) Government think that the construction of a road bridge across the creek between Aroor and Edacochi will greatly facilitate traffic on the Cochin-Alleppey road.

(b) The Government of India has been approached for a substantial contribution from that Government's reserve in the Road Account.

Vyttila Coconut Farm.

118. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What amount was spent by the Government to acquire the land where the Vyttila Coconut Farm stands;

(2) when was the acquisition;

(3) was any further amount spent by way of permanent investment in the said farm; if so, when and what;

(4) what are the amounts spent annually as recurring expenses in the said farm;

(5) how many fruit bearing trees are there in the said area;

(6) what income has been realised from the said farm in the last 6 years;

(7) what is the average income from a coconut tree in the said farm?